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SUMMARY: MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN TOLD AMBASSADOR SEPT 10
RECOGNITION OF GKR DEPENDED UPON GKR'S BREAKING OR "FREEZING"
RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. SAG, HOWEVER, WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT
GKR RETENTION OF ITS UN SEAT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN SEPT 10 MEETING WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND
AVIATION PRINCE SULTAN AMBASSADOR RAISED CAMBODIAN QUESTION
AND INQUIRED WHETHER SAG HAD MADE DECISION ON RECOGNITION
OF GKR.

2. PRINCE SULTAN SAID THAT PROBLEM HAD ARISEN CONCERNING
SAG RECOGNITION OF THE GKR. MATTER HAD BEEN DEBATED
WITHIN SAG AND IT DECIDED THAT GKR'S BREAKING RELATIONS
WITH ISRAEL WOULD BE CONDITION FOR EXTENDING RECOGNI-
TION. THIS DECISION REFLECTED KING'S WISHES BUT SULTAN
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SAID THAT HE THOUGHT ACTUAL BREAK IN RELATIONS MIGHT NOT

BE NECESSARY; A "FREEZING" OF RELATIONS WOULD PROBABLY SUFFICE.

3. AMBASSADOR SAID HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY GKR WOULD BREAK WITH ISRAEL AND NOTED THAT GKR HAD TAKEN QUITE EXTRA-ORDINARY STEP OF MOVING THEIR EMBASSY FROM JERUSALEM TO TEL AVIV. HE COMMENTED THAT HE HAD THOUGHT THIS STEP WOULD SATISFY SAG DESIRES FOR A GESTURE ON THE PART OF GKR. SULTAN SAID THAT HE AWARE OF AND PLEASED BY GKR ACTION BUT THAT BREAK OR FREEZING OF RELATIONS REQUIRED FOR SAG RECOGNITION. AMBASSADOR DID NOT PURSUE WHAT SULTAN MIGHT HAVE HAD IN MIND BY "FREEZING" RELATIONS.

4. TURNING FROM RECOGNITION QUESTION AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER SAG WOULD NONETHELESS SUPPORT GKR AT UN IN THE EVENT OF A CHALLENGE TO ITS SEAT THERE. SULTAN WAS STRONGLY POSITIVE SAYING THAT SAG WOULD ACTIVELY SUPPORT GKR AT THE UN. SULTAN SAID THAT HE WOULD ENSURE THAT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EFFECT WOULD BE SENT TO SAUDI UN DEL (SAUDI PERM REP NOTORIOUS FOR GOING HIS OWN WAY WITHOUT STRONG AND PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS.)

5. SAME DAY AS AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH PRINCE SULTAN, WE DISCUSSED CAMBODIAN QUESTION WITH HEAD FONOFF EASTERN DEPARTMENT, AND FOLLOWED UP TODAY (SEPT 11) WITH ACTING HEAD INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND CONFERENCE AFFAIRS.
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